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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 - EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**GROUP ART UNIT 1107**

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For:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

May 30, 1997

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 1996, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A fabrication method of a semiconductor device comprising

the steps of: